

March 16, 2021

Tonight's CE program will be recorded and available for members to attend virtually and receive 2 CEs as long as completed within 14 days (March 30, 2021). See website for information.

The March meeting of Dallas AORN was called to order at 1808 by President Joslin Swansfeldt.

Welcome to all attending.

Cheri Ackert-Burr, Anrea Barron, Kate Bore, JD Buchert, Jordan Burgess, Barbara Crim, Kathleen Dunfey, Cavelle Frederick, Terri Goodman, Peter Graves, Karen Hammett, Sherah Jackson, David Kaueuper (ConMed), Barbara Kershaw, Pamela McCrary, Deanna Nelson (ConMed presenter), Suzan New, Chastity Seymour, Susie Sharrock, Jennifer Sue, Joslin Swansfeldt, Glenn Vandyfriff (ConMed)

Old business

- The treasurer's report has been posted to the website.
- Plans for the Vendor Fair continue to evolve based on the status of Covid in our community. Current plans are for the fair to be offered in October of this year. Joslin has approached UTSW about the availability of a weekend and will inform the membership when a date is chosen. She is hoping that CE offerings by members of the chapter will be a part of the day.

New business

- The Board voted at our February meeting to make a \$500.00 charitable contribution to Woven Health clinic on behalf of the chapter.
- AORN Expo is scheduled to be held August 7 – 10, 2021. Registration is encouraged to help with the decision about whether Expo will be held in person or virtually. A discussion followed about level of financial support for those attending Expo. The chapter has typically funded members \$1000 each. After some amount of discussion, President Joslin Swansfeldt requested that chapter members with opinions or questions email her. Discussion on the topic continued. Terri Goodman offered to send a query to all chapter members. Members may choose either option or both. The topic will be discussed at the April Board meeting.
- Voting for chapter officers will take place at the May business meeting. Current officers and board members up for re-election are willing to serve an additional term.
- JD Buchert, President Elect, reported that The Texas Smoke Evacuation Bill (SB429) has been sent to the Texas Senate. Co-sponsors for the bill are Senators Miles and Kolkhort. JD Buchert and Beverly Kirchner are the TCORN delegates chosen to speak to the senate during the hearing.
- Tonight's educational offering on insufflation is presented by ConMed. The speaker is Deanna Nelson.
- AORN Excellence, an outpatient surgery conference, will be held virtually October 12-14, 2021. Watch for registration opening on the AORN website.

The meeting was adjourned at 1837.

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